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1. The rates of pay of Polish workers, which are fixed by the Trade Unions and are the same throughout the country, are as follows:

781.1-55M Foreman.....9,000 - 10,000 zloty per month
781.41-55M Skilled worker.....6,000 - 8,000 zloty per month
Driver.....4,000 - 5,000 zloty per month
Workman (including watchman... 12 zloty per hour (approximately)
2,400 zloty per month

All the above work 200 hours a month.

2. There are fourteen categories of employees and workers in industry. The following tables A and B illustrate the divergence of earnings:

TABLE A

Category	Example	Gross Earnings per Month in Zloty
I.	General Manager of the Central Administration of Industry.....) General Director of Union Factories.....) Director of Works.....)	20,000
II.	Vice Director of any of the above.....) Technical Director of any of the above.....) Administration of any of the above.....) Trade Director of any of the above.....)	18,000
III.	Head Engineer.....) Chief of Construction Bureau.....) Chief of Production.....)	15,000
IV.	Head of one of the more important departments in a large industrial concern.....	12,000
V.	Head of a department in a large industrial concern.....	10,000

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Gross Earnings per Month in Zloty</u>
VI.)		9,000
VII.)		4,000 - 8,000
VIII.)	Employees of various grades	5,000 - 6,000
IX.)		5,500
X to XIII.	?
XIV.	3,600

The following is an example of how the gross salary of an employee in the higher categories of industry is made up:

Basic salary.....	7,000
Allowance for the post.....	3,000
	10,000
Allowance for service in Warsaw.....	2,000
Gross salary	12,000

TABLE B - Officials in Ministries

<u>Example</u>	<u>Gross Earnings per Month in Zlotny</u>
Director of a Government department.....	25,000 - 30,000
Head of a departmental section.....	18,000 - 20,000
Official in Category VIII.....	8,500
Lesser official (e.g., in post office).....	6,000 - 7,000

☐ Comment: The actual number of categories of officials in ministries is not known.)

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3. The following is evidence of the regime's policy of granting special privileges to Government officials, i.e. the "New Aristocracy".

- a. In the ministries, every two or three months, the majority of officials receive a bonus of from 30% to 40% of their monthly salary.
- b. A special bonus is allotted once a year, the amount of which depends on the rank held in the official hierarchy.
- c. Higher officials receive an allocation of clothing materials twice a year, lower officials once a year. The highest officials are now obliged to appear at official receptions in dinner jackets, the cloth for which is allotted to them. Likewise they may make use of the services of an official tailor, whose charge for making a suit is 1,500 zloty, whereas the ordinary price is 11,000 - 15,000 zloty.
- d. The highest officials receive free medical treatment in special State hospitals.

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- e. Government apartments are allocated to high officials at exceptionally low rents. Irrespective of the number of members in their families, these officials have apartments of many rooms, whereas the general public has to comply with the housing regulations which lay down exact numbers per dwelling.
- f. Higher officials may enjoy additional sources of income, since they are allowed to hold several posts. Articles written for the press and radio broadcasts are also well paid.
- g. The highest grade officials, at ministerial levels, receive considerable allowances for the entertainment of foreign representatives. In addition to luxurious, free Government apartments, they are also supplied from special kitchens maintained at the expense of the State.

4. The following miscellaneous list of prices in Warsaw as of 1 March 1948 will serve as a basis for calculation of the present cost of living of people in the above categories.

Furnished room	2,000 zloty
Central heating (1 room during the winter)	3,500 "
Butter in co-operative store - 1 kg.	600 "
Bread (white) - 1 kg.	110 "
Newspaper (one copy)	3-7 "
Weekly periodical	20-30 "
Percale for summer dresses - 1 meter	700 "
Summer material (better quality) - 1 meter	1,500 - 2,200 zloty
Woollen stockings (good quality)	1,500 zloty
Leather shoes (lady's)	15,000 "
Shoes with wooden soles	7,000 - 8,000 zloty
Streetcar ticket	10 zloty
Bus ticket	15 "
Cinema ticket (Best seat in Palladium Cinema)	120 "
Cinema ticket (Other cinemas)	105 "
Lunch in all restaurants between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.	150 - 165 zloty
Supplementary dish at above	200 zloty
Lunch (at controlled price) in all restaurants 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.	70 "
Factory canteen lunch	15 "
Officials' canteen lunch	25 - 30 zloty
Pastry	30 zloty
Refreshments (soda-water)	5 "
Refreshments (lemonade)	15 "
Theater ticket (Polski Teatr)	70 - 150 zloty
Theater ticket (Other theaters)	220 zloty
Revue theaters	(approx.) 300 zloty
Powder compact	(from) 800 "
Library (per month)	50 "
Woollen material - 1 meter	(approx.) 8,000 "
Mixed material (wool and cotton) - 1 meter	(approx.) 3,500 "
Sugar - 1 kg.	300 "
Flour (white) - 1 kg.	(approx.) 100 "
Alcohol - 1 liter	(approx.) 1,200 "
Matches	4 "
Egg	20 "
Chocolate - 100 gr.	250 "
Tailoring (making up of lady's coat from own materials)	12,000 "

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Citizens have the right to buy the following articles annually:

	<u>With permits</u>	<u>True value of same goods without permits</u>
1 pr. of shoes at approx. cost of	550 zl.	2,000 zl.
2 sets of linen " " " "	500 zl.	2,000 zl.
1 length of material (for suit or dress) at approx. cost of	2,000 zl.	5,000 zl.

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